

# Garbage, Trash & Recycling FAQs

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## Household Garbage Guidelines

Household garbage (kitchen waste) is collected every Tuesday and Friday, except for legal holidays. Household garbage is defined as animal or vegetative waste resulting from the handling, preparation, consumption or cooking of food. Household garbage should be bagged and placed in an appropriate receptacle that cannot be disturbed by scavenging animals. Leonia provides rear and/or side-yard pickup of household garbage; it is not necessary to bring your garbage receptacles to the curb.

**Bulk Waste (Trash) Guidelines** Bulk waste (or trash) is collected on alternating Mondays for those addresses North of Fort Lee Road, and alternating Thursdays for those addresses South of Fort Lee Road, except for legal holidays. Trash consists of wood waste less than six feet in length, wood cabinets, wood furniture, rugs (which must be tied and bundled), etc. All trash items should be bundled, tied, and/or placed in proper receptacles on your curb after 5:00 PM on the day before collection. Please note: Receptacles with contents exceeding 50 pounds will not be emptied.

**Construction Debris.** Construction debris is defined as waste building materials resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition operations performed by a contractor or a resident acting as a contractor. This type of waste must be removed by the contractor or by a private carting firm, and if you wish to have a roll-off container on or in front of your property for construction debris, you must obtain a permit. Please call the Building Department at (201) 592-5743 for additional information.

**Curbside Recycling Guidelines.** All acceptable recyclable materials are picked up on alternating Wednesdays (mixed paper one week, co-mingled containers the next) at your curb. Please place your recyclables in appropriate receptacles on the curb after 5:00 PM on the day before collection. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags.

## Mixed Paper Guidelines Co-Mingled Container Guidelines

· Newspaper · Magazines and junk mail · Office paper (white or colored) · Boxes (cardboard) · Telephone directories · Brown paper bags · Gift wrap · Corrugated cardboard. Please ensure that mixed paper not in appropriate receptacles are bundled properly, and not placed in plastic bags. · Glass food jars and bottles · Aluminum and metal food and beverage containers · Pet food containers · Plastic soda bottles · Plastic milk, water, laundry detergent, bleach and softener bottles. Please ensure that all containers are rinsed and have had their caps removed prior to being placed in an appropriate receptacle.

The following items are not considered recyclable materials, and should be included in your regular garbage as explained above: · Pie tins · Aluminum foil · Window glass · Drinking glasses · Yogurt, margarine, sour cream or cottage cheese containers · Hard cover books · Aerosol cans · Carbon, wax, thermal, tissue or toilet paper, or paper towels · Window envelopes · Pizza boxes · Paper plates · Styrofoam packing peanuts

**White Goods Collection.** Refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, etc. are picked up at your curb on Fridays by appointment only. Please call (201) 592-5790 by 2:00 PM on Thursday in order to arrange for a pickup. Please do not place an item out for pickup unless it has been confirmed that your item(s) will be picked up on that day. **TELEVISION SETS ARE NOT WHITE GOODS, BUT HOUSEHOLD TRASH.**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule - 2002.** The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) has announced that the household Hazardous Waste Management Program has increased the number of collection events in 2002. The BCUA will conduct seven (7) household hazardous waste collection events in 2002. They will no longer sponsor Paint Recycling Events, however, we will instead conduct four (4) hazardous waste collection events on Saturday dates. The increase in these one-day collection events is due to the significant increase in Bergen County residents participating over the last few years. The 2002 Household Hazardous Waste collection events are scheduled for the following dates and locations: · Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ Sunday, April 7, 2002 Sunday, June 23, 2002 Sunday, September 8, 2002 · Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie, NJ Saturday, May 11, 2002 Saturday, August 17, 2002 · Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute, 281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ Saturday, July 20, 2002 All event hours are 9 AM - 3 PM rain or shine. This program is free to Bergen County residents for the disposal of items such as aerosol cans, paints, pesticides, solvents and many other hazardous items commonly found in the home. Small businesses can also deliver up to 220 pounds of hazardous waste to the collection events for a predetermined disposal fee. Residents and interested parties can contact the household hazardous waste management hotline by calling (201) 807-5825 or visiting the website at [www.njhazwaste.com](http://www.njhazwaste.com).

**Yard Waste.** Yard Waste season has commenced on Monday, March 11, 2002. The Department of Public Works would like to remind the residents of Leonia of the schedule for "YARD WASTE" and also of the rules and regulations. What is Yard Waste? Yard Waste is any waste accumulations of grass, leaves or shrubbery cuttings or clippings, small tree branches, small tree limbs, bushes, shrubbery or other material normally created through yard maintenance. The

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schedule for yard waste appears in the Leonia Way DPW calendar and is included in the on-line DPW Schedule. For 2002 Yard Waste begins on Monday, March 11, 2002 and continues on alternating Mondays through the month of December 2002. Should a legal holiday occur on the normally scheduled yard waste day, the yard waste will be picked up on the next scheduled yard waste day which is always on Mondays unless otherwise scheduled.

**Rules and Regulations:**

1. All yard waste should be placed in hard containers made of metal or plastic with weep holes in bottom to allow for the release of water.
2. Containers and contents should not exceed fifty (50) pounds, so that one person may safely empty it. All containers should have handles for pulling and lifting.
3. Yard Waste should be placed at curbside after 5:00PM on the Sunday before the scheduled yard waste day or at the latest before 7:00AM on the scheduled yard waste day.
4. Borough residents may also place yard waste curbside in biodegradable bags not weighing more than 50 pounds. Plastic bags are not acceptable and will not be picked up.
5. Branches, limbs and shrubbery should be bundled (tied) less than six (6) feet in length and less than fifty (50) pounds.
6. Private Contractors are prohibited from leaving yard waste curbside in the Borough; they are required to haul away all debris. Permits issued at Borough Hall.
7. Yard Waste should not be confused with Leaf Collection when residents are required to rake leaves into the street. Yard waste must be containerized as previously discussed.
8. Railroad ties are not considered yard waste. They should be cut into four (4) foot lengths, which enable them to be handled safely and avoid damage to the garbage compactor.